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NAZIS RESUME DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM BERLIN, MUNICH AND FRANKFURT

BERNE, May 17. (JTA)-- Large-scale deportation of Jews from Berlin, Munich and Frankfurt-am-Main has been resumed during the past few days, according to reports reaching here today. The Jews are being jammed into cattle trains and carried to the ghettos in Warsaw, Vilna and Riga, the report states.

It was also reported here today that a new decree issued in Berlin forbids any Jews living in Germany to keep domestic pets such as dogs, cats or canaries.

The Goniec Krakowsky, a Polish newspaper published in Cracow, which reached here today, reports that the reduction of bread rations for Jews to two ounces daily has increased starvation in the ghettos. "Jews are now selling their last shirt for a piece of bread," the paper writes.

EXPULSION OF ALL JEWS FROM FRANCE DEMANDED IN NAZI-CONTROLLED PARIS PAPER

VICHY, May 17. (JTA)-- The expulsion of all Jews from France is demanded today in the Paris Soir, a German-controlled evening paper.

Asserting that there are now 1,200,000 Jews in France, which is, of course, not true since the Jewish population in France never exceeded a quarter of a million people, the Paris paper says that "the expulsion of the Jews is imperative, otherwise their growing number will eventually reach a point where it will equal the French population."

The appointment of an assistant commissioner for Jewish affairs to aid Commissioner Darquier de Pellepoix in his work of "solving the Jewish problem" is announced today in the Official Gazette of the Vichy government. It is assumed that the assistant will operate in unoccupied France, while Pellepoix himself will direct the work from Paris in collaboration with the German occupation authorities there. In the meantime the Paris radio intensified its anti-Jewish broadcasts, demanding that the authorities in Vichy "should not go about solving the Jewish question in a half-hearted fashion, but should find a radical solution for it."

SLOVAKIA DEPORTS 5,000 JEWS TO HUNGARY; HUNDREDS DIE IN WOODS ESCAPING RAIDS

ZURICH, May 17. (JTA)-- A report from Bratislava, capital of the Nazi puppet-state of Slovakia, reaching here today states that 5,000 Jews have been deported by the Slovakian authorities into Hungary under the pretext that they were born on Czechoslovak territory which was awarded by the Nazis to Hungary under the Vienna agreement about two years ago.

The Nazi paper Grenzboten published in Slovakia reports that unburied corpses of hundreds of Jews are lying in the woods near Bratislava. The Jews, the Nazi paper writes, died in the woods of starvation while hiding from raids which are being carried out in Bratislava as part of the government's program to deport all Jews from the Slovak capital, either to camps or to the Galician part of Poland occupied by the Germans.

NAZIS BROADCAST FALSE REPORTS OF PANIC AMONG JEWS IN TURKEY

CAIRO, May 17. (JTA)-- Attempting to create the impression among the people in Arab countries that Turkey is about to collaborate with the Nazis, the Berlin radio today broadcast a false report in Arabic that "more than 2,000 Jews have fled from Turkey during the last two days in expectation of a change in the Turkish attitude in the present conflict."

The report is ridiculed in Turkish circles here as the usual Nazi propaganda. "It belongs to the same category of Nazi lies as the broadcast from Berlin which reported that on St. Patrick's Day the Irish parade in New York was converted into a huge anti-Jewish demonstration," a Turkish diplomat here said.

JEWS KILLED IN THIS WAR HONORED; ROOSEVELT SENDS MESSAGE

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA)-- Homage to the men of Jewish faith in the armed forces who have lost their lives since the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor was paid here today at the 47th annual memorial service held under the auspices of the Jewish War Veterans at Temple Emanu-El.

President Roosevelt, in a message addressed to Benjamin Kaufman, national commander of the organization, stated that the men whose memory was mourned during the Service died as patriots and that "while there is a sadness in the hearts of those whose dear ones have given up their lives for their country, there is a gratitude of a nation for services well done."

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, representing 250,000 veterans of the Jewish faith who fought for America in the last war and countless thousands of others who have borne arms for the United States, combined their annual Memorial Service with this year's "I Am An American" Day celebration in order to stress the aims for which America is fighting.

United States Senator Scott W. Lucas, addressing the gathering, pointed out that in the past war Jews of America contributed more than 4% of the total of men serving in the armed forces and that 1,100 of them were cited for valor with 150 receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, while 6 were decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor, the supreme token of American distinction for heroism. Commander Benjamin Kaufman, citing an ancient Hebrew admonition about proper conduct - "to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before Thy God" - stated that this admonition contained "the essential elements of humanity which were incorporated into the American Constitution by our founding fathers."

The Memorial Services were preceded by the traditional parade in which over 10,000 members, ladies of the auxiliary and youth groups from the units in the metropolitan area of the Jewish War Veterans participated.

MRS. SILVERMAN IN ENGLAND TO AID KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN, ATTENDS DEPUTIES MEETING

LONDON, May 17. (JTA)-- Mrs. Archibald Silverman, American Zionist worker who arrived in England on Friday to participate in the British Keren Hayesod campaign, attended today's meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. She was welcomed by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, the Board's president.

During the meeting Prof. Brodetsky was queried as to whether the Board planned to take any action regarding Henryk Ehrlich and Victor Alter, Polish-Jewish Socialist leaders, who are being held by the Soviet authorities in Russia. He replied that such action was not within the scope of the committee.

CHICAGO, May 17. (JTA)-- Declaring that "America owes a debt of gratitude to its Jewish citizens," Dr. Malcolm MacLean, President of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices, today assailed economic discrimination in all its manifestations, in an address before 500 delegates from all sections of the country attending the special war emergency session of the American Jewish Congress, meeting in the Hotel Sherman here.

Greetings from President Roosevelt were received last night by the opening session of the conference. In his message the President said: "I am very happy to take this opportunity to extend sincere greetings to the American Jewish Congress meeting in war-emergency session. I commend most highly the lofty aims of this meeting, which are to help the United States win the war and win the peace, and to develop a program designed to contribute toward the creation of a free world in line with the principles of the Atlantic Charter. It is, therefore, a distinct pleasure for me to wish it every success in its endeavors to advance these aims."

In his keynote address last night, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the Congress, lauded the President for crushing anti-American activities, declaring that "every attempt to bring about racial and religious division in the United States is a threat to American unity without which there can be no victory over the Axis. We are resolved to defend ourselves against anti-Semitism as Americans," Dr. Wise said, "knowing that the more stoutly we resist the greater will be our service to our country and to the democratic ideals."

He called upon American Jews to use their freedom as Americans "to right wrongs against their brethren wherever inflicted," and pledged "renewed loyalty to the United States and maximum aid to the United Nations." Dr. Wise read messages pledging that equal rights for Jews will be re-established in Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands when these nations are restored through the victory of the United Nations. The assurances came from the Prime Ministers of these three governments in exile, Wladyslaw Sikorski, M. Jan Sramek and Dr. Pieter S. Gerbrandy.

Round table sessions this morning discussed Inter-American Jewish unity, the organization of American Jewish Communities, the war effort, the strengthening of Democracy against un-American movements, post-war Jewish reconstruction and the question of Palestine.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt, in a letter addressed to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, one of the National chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, urged the Jews of America to give their generous support to the Appeal which is the fund-raising instrument of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

The President's message, made public today, came as campaigns in 1,900 communities throughout the country neared their climax. The letter of the Chief Executive reads: "In these days when inhumanity and cruelty are taking toll of so many innocent victims throughout the world, it is more than ever necessary for us to uphold the ideal of helpfulness to others. Organizations such as the United Jewish Appeal are giving concrete evidence of the determination of free men that persecution, homelessness, and racial discrimination shall be banished. Through the support which is extended to this organization and to other similar organizations, we can reinforce the humanitarian front as a vital sector in our war effort. It is my sincere hope that the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will meet with an enthusiastic response from all generous-hearted people."

REVISIONISTS IN PALESTINE DENY THAT NUMBER OF THEIR RECRUITS IS SMALL

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA)-- Replying to rumors that its participation in the recruitment for the armed forces is insignificant, and claiming that 3,000 of its members have already enlisted in Palestine, the New Zionist Organization, through its central committee, today announced that all able-bodied members of the organization should be ready to appear before the special recruiting stations which the organization has established.

A delegation of the New Zionist Organization will request the military authorities to be present at the recruiting stations on the day when the members of the organization will be summoned to appear. Representatives of Jewish institutions will similarly be asked to be present.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE TAKES UP RECOMMENDATIONS ON JEWISH EDUCATION IN AMERICA

BALTIMORE, May 17. (JTA)-- The value and importance of Jewish religious education in this country was emphasized in a message from Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York read here at the opening session of the third annual meeting of the American Association for Jewish Education. Sixty delegates representing lay leaders in Jewish education in twenty cities throughout the United States are attending the gathering, in addition to a number of Jewish educators.

Gov. Lehman in his message pointed out that "it is essential that we bring Jewish education to our young people" in order to strengthen their determination to contribute the best that is in them to the social ideals of American democracy. Mark Eisner, president of the Association, reported on the activities of the organization and recommended that in the coming year the organization undertake to correlate the various national agencies which are now functioning in the field of Jewish education and plan a special service for Jewish Education Committees in the seventy cities and localities in America which have local Jewish community councils. He also urged the establishment of a survey bureau at the national offices of the Association to help those communities where "War Chest" drives may adversely effect Jewish education appropriations from Jewish Welfare Funds.

PRESIDENT OF WORLD AGUDATH REVIEWS THIRTY YEARS OF ORGANIZATION'S WORK

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA)-- Thirty years of Agudath Israel work in Europe and America were reviewed at an Anniversary Rally of Agudath Israel Youth today at the Hotel Pennsylvania by Jacob Rosenheim, president and founder of the Agudath Israel World Organization. Mr. Rosenheim emphasized the necessity of extending Agudath work and having it cover all Jewish problems in the spirit of the Torah.

MORRIS GEST, PROMINENT JEWISH PRODUCER, DIES AT 61; FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TODAY

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA)-- Morris Gest, who came to America as an immigrant from Russia and achieved international fame as a great theatrical producer, died yesterday in the Midtown Hospital, in his sixty-first year. He entered the hospital ten days ago after a long period of ill health.

The death of Morris Gest brings to a close a career which had many dramatic elements of the theater, to which he was attracted in boyhood. The work which was to take him so far began with a humely humorous first scene when the man who later produced the spectacular "Miracle" and introduced the Moscow Art Theater to the United States, crawled as a boy of less than 9 years under the flap of a circus tent in his native Russian town.

A funeral service will be held at 11 A.M. tomorrow at Central Synagogue with Dr. Jonah B. Wise officiating. Burial will be in the Bolasco family mausoleum in Linden Hill Cemetery, Queens.